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May 25, 2005

Colonel Juan Sánchez
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Re: Environmental Restoration Program and Munitions Response Program, Former Naval Facilities, Vieques Island, PR

Dear Colonel:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Navy's Vieques Project Coordinator for the Environmental Restoration and Munitions Response Programs at the former Naval Facilities on Eastern Vieques Island, Puerto Rico.

As part of the Navy's clean up efforts in Vieques we hold meetings throughout the year with the agencies involved in this process. At our recent meeting on May 4, 2005 with US Fish & Wildlife Service and Commander Luis Vega of Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) we discussed the detonations of munitions that will be occurring at the former bombing range on eastern Vieques during the next several months. The next detonations are tentatively scheduled during the week of May 30, 2005. Following Commander Vega's suggestion, we will keep you informed of the projected general schedules for the detonations. In addition, we will provide you at least 48 hours of notice, via e-mail, of the specific date of the detonations.

For the safety of your personnel, and our contractors working at the former Naval facility during this period of time, we kindly request that you contact our field supervisor, Mr. Carlton Finley at 787-509- 3071, prior to any site visits by your staff to eastern Vieques. This notification will ensure that we can provide you the appropriate site access in a safe manner.

We would welcome any additional support that FURA can provide in helping us maintain a safe working environment for our contractors by discouraging trespassers from entering the closed waters and lands in the restricted areas of the former Vieques Naval Training Range.

To provide you with some additional information on the status of the Vieques cleanup we are enclosing for your review copies of recent public notices, location maps of areas we are working and recent minutes from meetings with the CERCLA Technical Committee (CTC)

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and the community Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). For more information we invite you to visit the Navy's Vieques cleanup program website following: <http://public.lantops-ir.org/sites/public/vieques/default.aspx>. We will also add your name to our mailing list for newsletters and status reports related to the cleanup activities on Vieques.

If you need additional information from the Navy or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 757-322-4815 or by e-mail: christopher.penny@navy.mil

We look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,



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